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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Customer Number: 53080

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For: MAGNETIC RECORDING/REPRODUCTION APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated November 18, 2008 having a threemonth shortened statutory period for response set to expire February 18, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.